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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was issued on April 5, 2005, and included an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. This paper provides applicants' comments regarding the statement of reasons for allowance.

The first full paragraph on page 3 of the notice of allowability is an allegation of obviousness of an unidentified

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aspect of applicants' invention in view of a combination of Suga and Yoshida. This paragraph is identical to that in the Office Actions dated August 19, 2004, and February 8, 2005, regarding the alleged obviousness of claim 2 of the present application.

Applicants believe that this paragraph may have been inadvertently included in the reasons for allowance. It is inconsistent and improper to include reasons for obviousness in a statement of reasons for allowance.

Moreover, the reasons for the alleged obviousness are not correct. As applicants explained in the response filed November 19, 2004, to the action dated August 19, 2004, "the light diffusing phase of Yoshida is provided on the surface of a transparent phase and covers the whole surface of the transparent phase. On the other hand, Suga discloses, in column 7 lines 4-11, that 'because light-transmitting regions 52 and light-diffusing regions 54 are alternately arranged on the surface of the directional light-diffusing film 70, ... [there is an] increase in the amount of light that passes through the light-transmitting regions 54 without diffusion to exit from the front, thereby preventing defocusing of the displayed image'. That is, it is necessary in the invention of Suga that the surface of the light-transmitting regions is not covered by the light-diffusing regions. Therefore, the optical

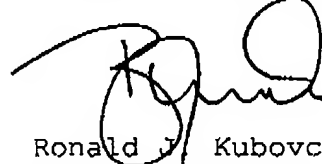
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functional sheet of Suga cited by the Office cannot be properly modified using the teachings of Yoshida to include a continuous light-diffusing phase on the surface thereof."

It is believed that no fee is required in connection with this request. However, in the event that the PTO determines that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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